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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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KAISER RECOGNISES NO CRITIC
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REGRETS ONE "GREAT
BLUNDER."

Mr. Harold Begbie, continuing his narrative of his visit to the ex-Kaiser at Amerongen, says that the ex-Kaiser is entirely impotent. He is convinced that he strove harder than anybody to avert war, and that he is "answerable to God alone."

The ex-Kaiser said that all the rulers were against war, which was made by the diplomats. Germany became involved in the war because she had to defend Austria against the aggression of Russia. The ex-Kaiser declared that he sent Kresser the famous telegram "with great misgivings, and under pressure from his advisers." He also regretted the sinking of the *Lusitania*, which he would never cease to regret.

The shooting of Nurse Cavell was ordered by a drunken General. The ex-Kaiser thereupon ordered that no woman should be shot without his personal sanction.

SPANISH SITUATION.

MADRID, March 27th.
The situation throughout Spain is improving. It is expected that this trouble will soon be cleared up.

BAVARIA GROWS INDEPENDENT.

BUNNIN, March 31st.
A breach has occurred between the Bavarian and the Imperial Governments, as the result of Bavaria's bid for military independence. Bavaria has prohibited all recruiting for the Volunteer Army. The *Mittags Zeitung* expresses the opinion that the estrangement will develop.

DANZIG NEGOTIATIONS.

COPENHAGEN, March 31st.
The Berlin Government has invited the National Assembly Party leaders to participate in a conference on April 2nd, in view of Marshal Foch's request for fresh negotiations regarding Danzig.

APRIL 30 IS A GOOD DAY.

LONDON, April 2nd.
The Press Bureau stated:— Unless an emergency arises, the official Press Bureau closes on April 30th. The censorship ceases from that date.

ONE UP: MORE TO PLAY.

OMSK, March 27th.
Admiral Kolchak has recaptured the town of Ufa.

ANARCHY IN PETROGRAD.

STOCKHOLM, March 31st.
A telegram from Helsinki states that the recent disturbances in Petrograd have assumed a very threatening character against the Soviet Government. M. Lenin's authority is considerably reduced. M. Trotsky is at present in Moscow, closely guarded by sharpshooters.

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PROGRESS OF BOLSHEVISM.

LONDON, March 31st.
The Rumanian Press Bureau reports that Budapest is seriously threatened with anarchy. The Communists are losing control which is passing into the hands of the Bolsheviks, who are daily arriving from Russia.

The Hungarian Army is reorganising in feverish haste, aided by German officers of General Mackensen's former Army.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Meers, W. Logan & Co. report on April 4: Since the date of our last circular our market has continued fairly active and a fair amount of business has been put through. The Shanghai market has eased off a little, less enquiries for shares coming through.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks are quiet with sellers at \$710 and buyers \$705.

Marine Insurances.—Cartons are firm with buyers at \$445 after sales from \$425/\$450. North China are wanted at \$130 and Unions at \$10,000.

Fires Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are quoted for at \$830. China Fires are weak with sellers at \$170.

Shipping.—Indo-Chinese have improved and are strong with buyers at \$160 and for June delivery \$144.

Douglas are quiet with sellers at \$32. Shell Transports are wanted at \$104.

Refineries.—China Sugars have further improved and have buyers at \$124 cash, June \$127. Malabone Wharves are still required for at \$124. Kowloon Docks have sellers at \$155. Shanghai Docks are also sellers at \$130.

Miscellaneous.—Cements remain quiet with buyers only offering \$7.70. Hongkong Electrics after sales at \$75 are still wanted at \$77. Pink Thums have buyers at \$74. Hongkong Timms at \$7.85. Waterboards at \$12. Watsons at \$64.

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FIRE.

PROPERLY EXTINGUISH BED.

What might easily have been a serious fire was happily put out in its early stages yesterday evening. Hearing police whistles blowing a *China Mail* man ran down to where P.C. Little was on "point duty" and drew his attention to the fact. It was found that the whistles were sounding in Wyndham Street. Smoke was coming out of the windows of the second floor of No. 26. Going upstairs our representative found that a bed was well alight. The flames were then about to envelop a wardrobe. Fortunately there was plenty of water at hand and soon there were pails and basins of water being poured on the bedding. This reduced the flames and the bedding was thrown out on to the verandah. More water was used and soon there was only smouldering bedding. All danger of further fire was soon removed. P.C. Little organised the few helpers in effective fashion. Among those who rendered good assistance was Mr. Hashim Khan of the G.P.O.

It might easily have caused the burning down of the whole terrace had not prompt and effective measures been taken. The bed which was alight was enclosed by match boarding which had begun to light when Mr. Hashim Khan pulled the burning part down. About 20 minutes excitement ended with matters all clear.

CONSULAR JURISDICTION.

ARREST OF KOREANS IN PEKING.

Peking, March 29.—By arresting and handing over to Japanese Police Peh Yuan-hsi, Wu Ken-yung and another Korean, whose name is unknown, on the 27th, the Chinese police re-opened the question of Consular jurisdiction in Peking, which China has never recognized.

Chinese police, assisted by Japanese, made the arrests, after which the prisoners were immediately handed over to the Japanese and taken to the Japanese lock-up, and transferred to Tientsin next day for trial.

Cases are on record where the Chinese have refused to hand over British subjects arrested in Peking, the Chinese themselves transferring the prisoners to Tientsin and handing them over to the British authorities there.

It will be interesting to learn whether this is a precedent, or merely a political application of the doctrine enunciated by the *Shun-tien Shih-pao*, which speaks frequently of both China and Japan as "our country."

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TROUBLE ON SAILING SHIP.

CAPTAIN AND MATE FINED FOR ASSAULTING COOK.

A sailing ship with a heterogeneous crew drawn from various nationalities offers just the sort of atmosphere in which squabbles would be expected, and the stories of mutiny on board such a ship form quite an old theme. Just now (says the *Singapore Times* of March 27) there is in harbour a sailing ship named the *Cambeland* and for the second time on Tuesday last, the captain and chief mate were placed before the District Judge, Mr. Langham Carter, charged with having assaulted the ship's cook, a Japanese, on his evidence he made the remark that water was coming through the deck into the cook-house and that the ship leaked like a bucket. The chief mate told him to come out. Witness was cutting up meat at the time. The mate said put down that knife and threw a piece of iron at him. The master then came up and kicked him.

The master, Captain Daniel Rafuse, said he saw the mate holding the cook by the back of the neck. Witness never kicked nor touched Kogo. The mate told him later at breakfast about the knife that Kogo had in his hand. After hearing all the evidence His Honour said there were differences between the story of the cook and his witness, but he did not think they were such as to make him regard the story as untrue. The most untrue story put before the Court was frequently the one which hung most perfectly together. The story of the defence could not, he thought, be true. He fined the Captain and Mate \$20 and \$40, respectively, with costs.

Mr. Dudley Parsons appeared for the Captain and Mr. W. A. N. Battenberg for the cook.

MARKET PLACE OF SIN.

GERMAN WOMEN WHO SELL THEIR SOULS FOR SIXPENCE.

Even before the war the immorality of Hamburg was notorious on the Continent. How much worse have the conditions become since, and particularly during the period of the armistice, is disclosed in an article in the *Morning Post* by an officer who went with the Allied Naval Commission to Northern Germany. "The attitude," he says, "that German girls and women have adopted towards Allied, and especially British, prisoners is not a pleasant thing to write of, and I confine myself to a single observation which a sergeant major of the old 'Contemptibles' made on the subject. He had been telling me in a humorous sort of way of 'raspberry lead tea' paper sheets, ersatz coffee of various kinds, and numerous other substitutes, and then, switched off to the subject by a question regarding a statement a German officer had been heard to make, he spoke of the ways of the girls of Hamburg since the armistice. 'There is no doubt,' he said, 'that the young of both sexes have been getting more and more shameless in their morals ever since the beginning of the war, but it is only since we were practically set free by the armistice that the state of things has come home to prisoners. I don't think there are very many British prisoners—certainly no man that I know personally—who have had anything to do with these young hussies, but that is not the fault of the women, for they have pestered us only less in our camp than upon the streets. It's principally because we have a little money now, and sometimes a bit of food that isn't ersatz. I don't think I am exaggerating very much, sir, when I say that 50 per cent. of the girls of the lower classes in Hamburg would sell themselves for a cake of toilet soap or a sixpenny package of biscuits. Ersatz means 'substitute'—Ed. C.M.]

64,800 MISSING SOLDIERS.

There are still 64,800 British prisoners whose fate remains to be determined.

Mr. Churchill, in a Parliamentary answer, says that the present net total number of officers and men reported missing, including prisoners of war, for all theatres and all services, is approximately 359,800. Of this total it is estimated that about 198,000 have been prisoners, and, in the absence of any indication for a long period that they were alive, death has been presumed in the case of 97,000 men.

As a preliminary step to recover from Germany all who might still be detained there owing to illness or other causes, medical units were sent into every army corps district in the country, with orders to search every camp, prison, mine, asylum and hospital. The German authorities also called for a complete roll of all Allied prisoners still in the country.

A list of those who are known to have been prisoners of war and have not yet been repatriated officially, will be presented to the German Government, with the demand that they account for every one of them.

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Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street,

TEAKWOOD & BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE, BRASS & BRASS
MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN
BEDSTEADS, CURTAINS, CARPETS,
&c., &c.,

Comprising:-

Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs
(new) Folding Card and Occasional
Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom
Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin
Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes,
Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c.,
(tumed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner
Waggons, Extension Dining Tables
and Chairs, &c., Dinner Services,
Crockery, and good Glass Ware,
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c.,
Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated
Ware,

Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood
and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of
Blackwood Furniture, including 1 large
Blackwood Screen, Blue and White Panels,
and Blackwood Fire Screen, Side Tables,
Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures & Oil
Paintings, Several Carpets—new and
second-hand.

Also

One 2½ inches Transit Telescope, stand
and accessories, Collard & Collard Piano
(good tone), one large Ice Chest suitable
for Hotel, Enamelled Bath and one
Large Gas Cooking Stove.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms—Cash.

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Hongkong, April 4, 1919.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS

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GOVERNMENT SALT REVENUE DEPT.
to sell by Public Auction.

FRIDAY

April 25, 1919, at 11 a.m. at
their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux
Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

The Steam Vessel

"KUNG CHING"
as she now lies between Kowloon
Ferry Pier and Holts Wharf,
Kowloon.

HULL—Teakwood.

Length—125 feet.

Beam—18 feet.

Draft—8 feet 6 inches.

ENGINES—Two sets of compound
surface condensing engines, with cylinders
11½ in. by 22 in. by 14 in. stroke.

Separate condensers.

BOILER—One cylindrical, multi-
tubular, marine type boiler. Length
10 feet 6 inches. Diameter 10 feet
0 inches.

Working pressure 130 lbs per square
inch.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1919.

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(For Account of the Concerned).

TUESDAY

April 8, 1919, commencing at
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
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A QUANTITY OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS,
DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES.

Comprising:-

HOUSEHOLD LINENS—Single and Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets, Pillow Cases, Double White Satin Quilts, Linen Damask Serviettes, Glass Cloths, Bath Towels, Face Towels, &c., &c.

DRAWN WORK—Bedspreads, Pillow Cases, Tray Cloths, &c., &c.

EMBROIDERIES—Bedspreads, Table Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 34 in.

A few lots of Suit Cases and Attaché Cases.

(All new goods and small lots to suit purchasers).

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

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Hongkong, April 4, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

PICTURES painted by Captain
LORING, R.A., one time station-
ed here.

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Hongkong, March 25, 1919.

FOR SALE

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

At their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

Motor Yacht "IRENE".

Built 1913 recently thoroughly over-
hauled painted and varnished.

Length ... 33 feet

Beam ... 7 "

Draft ... 3 "

Motor "Scripps" heavy duty 14 H.P.

Cabin enlarged to seat 6 passengers.

Lavatory, Ice box, Electric light, &c., &c.

including Extra large Battery for
Electric light, 3 sets steering gear

Engine room Telegraph, lamps, a new

sail, electric horn, ventilators, lifebuoy, tanks, &c.

For further particulars apply to the
Undersigned.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1919.

SPARKLING MINERAL WATER.

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AN EXACT REPRODUCTION OF A WELL-KNOWN
SPA AT HALF THE PRICE. BLENDS PERFECTLY
WITH SPIRITS, ESPECIALLY WHISKY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.,

AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

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JUST RECEIVED
FOR THE
RAINY SEASON

RAINCOATS AND CAPES

FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS
IN ALL SIZES.ALSO
A LARGE VARIETY
OF
LADY'S LIGHT WEIGHT
RAINCOATS

UMBRELLAS

BIRTHS.

BREWER.—On March 30, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brewer, a daughter.
McFARLAND.—On March 29, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. McFarland, a son.
NOLASCO.—On March 29, at Shanghai, the wife of J. Nolasco, of a son.

DEATH.

MACEWEN.—On March 11, at Bournemouth, England, Alexander Palmer MacEwen, formerly of Hongkong and Shanghai.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1919.

LLOYD GEORGE.

Although for that vast body of people which gets its opinions as a parrot gets its speeches Lloyd George is "the man who won the war" for us, and although Mr. George himself has no serious objection to hog the credit which should really be shared by the army, the navy, and the munition workers, to say nothing of our Allies, the indications have appeared, and are increasing, that he will before long have to "come off his perch." Mr. Frank H. Simonds in the *Times*, discussing the delegates to the Paris Conference, assures us that "there are more brains and better brains in the British Delegation than in any other," which would be a more comforting assurance if we could only be satisfied that Mr. Simonds is a competent judge of brains. Lloyd George, Bonar Law, G. N. Barnes, A. J. Balfour—ah now see his point. It is an involved and elaborate compliment to Mr. Balfour's intellect that is intended. As such, we may let it pass. Reuter has just been trying to make our flesh creep by emphasising the awful impossibility of Mr. George's being in two places at once. With the British Labour Crisis at Home, and the League of Nations Peace Treaty in Paris, each requiring his attention, Mr. George decided to stay in Paris. This compels the political prophet of "acumen" to announce at once that the British Labour Crisis has a better chance of a happy issue than the other thing. Lord Northcliffe would have said it if he had thought of it, for he seems to be deeply disappointed in the man he helped to climb. Writing in one of his own publications, the *New Illustrated*, he says that Mr. George is

hated more by the Liberals than Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was when he turned his political coat. Moreover, he reminds us that Mr. George (in his extraordinary *rechauffe Cabinet*) is surrounded by men who cannot forget that not long ago he was "limboosing" them, holding them up to ridicule and contempt with all the art of the practised rhetorician. This does not strengthen his chances of holding office as long as his overwhelming election results seemed to promise. "There could never be any enduring sympathy," writes Lord Northcliffe, between him and the chief members of his Cabinet—Mr. Balfour, Mr. Long, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Bonar Law—even if they were convinced that he had dropped all his former views about social reform." So far as this that (a little bird tells us) the squabbling has already begun.

"Is he not?" asks Lord Northcliffe, rather unkindly, "by temperament a political chameleon, taking on the colour of the views of those who at the moment happen to be his associates?" This is not so, at least as regards his present associates. He has solemnly, not to say melodramatically, assured the country that his principles are unaltered, and "may his tongue cleave to the roof of his mouth" if he ever says otherwise, or words to that effect. But in the late election he certainly did chop and change a bit. He certainly did promise more than he will ever be in a position to perform. It may be, as Lord Northcliffe meanly says, that "he waits for the newspapers to tell him what to do, and advances his opinions under pressure of their opinions", and that is a contemptible thing to do, especially if the said newspapers belong to Lord Northcliffe. Lloyd George says this disgruntled Peer is "one in whom that high moral courage which enables a man to stand alone is not a distinguishing quality." He is not a man of wide knowledge, nor is his mind fertile in large ideas." All of which is true, though how an opportunist—and gallery- liner like Northcliffe came to realize it is beyond all surmise. Somebody must have told him, and no doubt the swift realization that he is no great shakes himself has caused him to retire to the South of France. When Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bottomley have followed him, the Col d'Azur will be bluer than ever, and England will have a chance to carry on "more sensibly."

OUR KITES.

Does that principle of British law which holds that no man must be punished until he is proven guilty apply to birds? If so, the Government will not hasten to exterminate our kites of what is, at present mere suspicion. So far as one member of

the Poultry Association is concerned, the one who spoke of these birds roosting on trees and thence swooping on his chickens, we challenge his evidence, if he said he had seen this. But he was probably misreported. These kites do not perch on trees, at least not when hunting. They soar, like the eagle or the vulture. Indeed, it is very doubtful if they have ever taken a live chick, since they are carrion feeders. Young chickens often die. These marvellous birds are quickly aware of it, and, a carcass, big or little, draws them at once. Some incident of this sort, in which one has swooped for a dead chicken, may have given rise to the scandal that they are chicken thieves. It is always a chancey thing to interfere with the "Balance of Nature," which is analogous to the Balance of Power in bygone European diplomacy. There used to be a story, one of Professor Lankester's, we fancy, without being positive that we remember it correctly, which told how a clover crop failed because an old maid ceased to live in a cottage near the field. The old maid kept cats, which killed all the field mice, which interfered with the humble bees that fertilized the clover. The cats having moved away the mice multiplied and exterminated the useful bees. Our kites may be useful to poultry keepers for all they know at present, and if the kites were all away, there would still be plenty of pests left. For instance, they also talked of snakes. Suppose they ask the Government to get rid of the snakes for them. The Government might (as was done elsewhere) immediately send the mongoose, which is the deadly enemy of snakes. After the mongoose had become established, increased and multiplied, it would not pay to keep chickens. Because, in an island that we know, this animal changed his diet, and forsakes snakes for chickens. Where there are rat holes about a chicken run, an excellent plan is to turn loose a number of cavy or male Guinea pigs. A couple will clear the place of rats, which seem to avoid them.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 2½d.

The total output of the Kalian Mining Administration's mines for the week ending March 22 amounted to 73,880 tons and the sales during the period, to 71,756 tons.

Our Hongkong poet, Mr. E. W. Hamilton of the Hongkong Civil Service left for home yesterday on the *Kamo Maru*. He has a clever poem in this morning's *Daily Press*.

A reader writes in to say that those red flowers on "that bank opposite the Banks" were azaleas, "a bush which has been used within recent years to add to the beauty of the place." Thanks.

Messrs. Maoof and Taylor have sent us some papers for the Soldiers and Sailors.

To-day's return of communicable disease shows four cases of cerebro spinal meningitis, of which one was fatal.

Charged before Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning with running a *lotto* lottery at No. 36 Des Vieux Road, a Chinese who pleaded "not guilty," was remanded for a week. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$100.

For the theft of two coats and a gunny bag, the property of a Chinese woman who hung them up to dry outside her house in Wan Chai, a coolie was this morning sentenced by Mr. Orme to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

The *China Mail* is requested to publish the following: The Bishop of Victoria Hongkong will to-morrow (Sunday) officiate at the English Church, Macao. During Holy week Apr. 13–20 he is to give a series of address in the chapel of St. Paul's College at 6.15 p.m. on our Lord's Passion.

THE PASSING OF PINKIE.

"Pinkie" makes her very last bow to the Hongkong Public to-night, her 10th appearance. This must positively be the very last one, as the A.D.C. have force to make way to the "Stunts" who are producing "Our Boys" at the Theatre Royal next Saturday. Judging from the brooking it promises to be one of Pinkie's most popular parties, and those who wish to see and hear well should hasten to secure seats early.

It is given at popular prices—Dress Circle \$2—Stalls, \$1—Pit, \$1, and Gallery 50¢. Children half price, except to the 50 cents seats.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

If you want a clear head and good digestion you must not let your bowels become clogged with pentimento waste from the body, as is always the case when you become constipated. Proper food, an abundance of water and plenty of outdoor exercise should keep your bowels regular. When that fails you should take Chamberlain's Tablets, they cause a gentle movement of the bowels and are easy and pleasant to take. For sale by all Chemists and Stoekkeepers.

A SERVANT'S CRIME.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER MISTRESS.

A wicked attempt on the life of her mistress, a respectable old Chinese lady who lives at 18 Staunton Street, was made by her servant on March 11 last. Owing to the gravity of her injuries the mistress was in hospital for a very long time, and she has only just recovered sufficiently to appear in Court to give evidence against the servant girl, who was employed by her since July last year. Shortly before the assault was made her mistress lost two pearl hairpins which she had reason to suspect the maid of taking. She ordered a younger servant to sweep under the bed in the hope of finding them, but the older servant accused the younger one of stealing them. Then followed a slight argument which nearly ended in blows but which was stopped by the timely arrival of an amanuensis, who persuaded the two girls to accompany her to a temple "to consult the joss." When they returned about 7.30 p.m. the amanuensis went to bed with the two children whilst the two servants went to another room with the baby. At 8 a.m. the mistress made some food for the baby and went to sleep again, when she was suddenly awakened by the elder servant sitting on her legs chopping at her head with a hatchet. So that she would be unable to shout the servant had slipped two tapes into her mistress' mouth, but fortunately she was able to get these out and call for help. She then pressed an electric bell by her bedside which communicated with the pawnshop below, and the police were sent for and on their arrival the mistress fainted and had to be taken away in an ambulance.

The case came up for hearing yesterday afternoon before Mr. Lindsell. The Court was packed. Mr. W. L. Shenton appeared for the complainant. Dr. C. McKenna, the superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, gave medical evidence as to the nature of the wounds and stated that the patient had received no less than forty-four wounds, most of which were on the head. On one side part of the skull had been cut away. Her condition was very critical. On the same afternoon he examined a small girl, Fung Siu, the younger servant, who had two deep wounds on the left side of the temple. These necessitated an operation.

After the complainant had finished giving her evidence the court adjourned. The sittings will be resumed on Wednesday next at 2.15 p.m.

FIRE ON S.S. "VAN WAERWYCK."

SMART WORK BY LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE.

Owing to the practically superhuman efforts of the local volunteer Brigade yesterday afternoon, whilst looking like being a very serious fire on board the a.s. *Van Waerwyck* was stopped. Shortly after 4 p.m. a call was sent out to the local brigades to fight a fire that had broken out in the fore hold of the ship, and as this hold was next to the oil bunkers things looked very serious for a while, but fortunately owing to the very prompt action of the firemen and ship's officers it was got under control. The cause of the fire is at present unknown but it is presumed that it was caused by a coolie dropping a match into the hold, which was full of shavings and paint scrapings. There was no cargo on board. As soon as was possible the oil from the forward bunkers was pumped off but fortunately the fire did not spread to this. The fire was well under control at about six o'clock last night but there was a fire guard kept there until late last night.

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THE FUNERAL OF THE
LATE JAMES BROWN
MCGEE.

The funeral of the late James Brown McGee took place yesterday. The interment was at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, the service being conducted by the Rev. V. H. Coyle Moyle.

There was a large gathering at the apartment amongst which included Mr. Youngs of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Mr. James, the Superintendent Engineer of the China Navigation Co., and representatives from every shipping company in Hongkong.

There were a large number of beautiful wreaths some of which were sent by the following: Mrs. McGee (the widow), the Superintendent (China Navigation Co.), the China Navigation Co., Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, the Right Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Lodge St. John, No. 618, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. de Rosa, Inspector and Mrs. Garret, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Inspector and Mrs. Watt, Mr. J. Baker, the Proprietor (King Edward Hotel), Mr. and Mrs. Constantine, Mr. John Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gregory, the Officers of the s.s. *War Drum*, men of Gurdwara and Eileen Studios, Dr. Aspin, Mr. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Matuk, Captain and Mrs. W. Hooper Passmore, Mrs. H. Haines and family, the Engineers of the s.s. *War Drum*, Mr. and Mrs. A. Everett, Mr. J. Baxter, May, Eileen and Stanley Garret, the Engineers of the s.s. *War Drum*, Capt. and Mrs. Milne, Capt. and Mrs. McVinish, Mr. and Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Edwards, Chief Inspector Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Kilbee, Mr. A. J. W. Derling, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Anderson, the members of the Tudor Bookshop Staff, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. McKay, and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
AND BOLSHEVIKS.

A UNITED FRONT AGAINST
REACTIONARIES.

It is important to notice that while the Russian *intelligentsia* in England and France are continuing to plead for an outside settlement of Russian matters, in Russia itself the persons who have the best right to call themselves representatives of the Russian people and can be regarded as the most representative non-Bolsheviks—the members of the Constituent Assembly—express "not only the absolute necessity of self-determination for Russia, but also a definite decision to confer with the Bolsheviks if the welfare of their country should require it. This is shown by a communication dictated by the Executive Committee of the Congress of Members of the Constituent Assembly to the Bolsheviks in Ufa, which was sent at the same time to many other Russian groups and organisations opposed to Bolshevism. We find in this communication the following statement:

The struggle of the Socialists against the Bolsheviks has been directed against them inasmuch as the Bolsheviks came in contact with the German oppressors of the Russian democracy. But at present, after the defeat of Germany and when the intervention of the victorious Powers in the inner policy of Russia seems to take the character of a real assistance on the part of the foreign bourgeoisie to the Russian reactionaries, it is necessary to cease the struggle against the Bolsheviks.

The coup d'état of Koltchuk in Omsk has definitely cleared the real situation. Immediately after this event the Executive Committee of the Congress of members of the Constituent Assembly, fulfilling the decision of the Congress, began to organise the struggle against Koltchuk. The Congress has decided to stop the war against the Bolsheviks in order to concentrate all their forces against Koltchuk and the reaction in Siberia. Actually, under the existing conditions, the war against the Bolsheviks becomes a sanguinary civil war and a struggle against one part of the Russian working men and peasants. The steps are taken to recall the troops of the Constituent Assembly fighting against the Bolsheviks and to direct them instead against Koltchuk. At the same time negotiations are started with the commander of the Bolshevik armies in order to settle an agreement and to unite forces against the Koltchuk movement.

The Congress wishes the reunion of all the democratic elements against every reaction and every military intervention in the inner life of Russia, and suggests an organisation of a Coalition Government with the Bolsheviks, but responsible before the Constituent Assembly. It will be seen that the members of the Constituent Assembly do not find it below their dignity to confer with the Bolsheviks if the ends aimed at by the Revolution—now recognised by the Allies—and the interests of the people require this conference.

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UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING
SOCIETY.

ANNUAL DINNER.

A very successful dinner and concert was held in the Great Hall of the University on Friday evening when Professor A. G. Warren, President of the University Engineering Society, presided over a gathering of more than a hundred engineering students and their friends. Amongst those also present were the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. David Landale, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. Stanley Codwell, Mr. Justice Melbourne, Mr. Ho Kam Tong, Mr. Brett, local Trade Commissioner, several of the University Professors, lecturers, graduates and brethren of Lodge St. John, No. 618, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. de Rosa, Inspector and Mrs. Garret, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Inspector and Mrs. Watt, Mr. J. Baker, the Proprietor (King Edward Hotel), Mr. and Mrs. Constantine, Mr. John Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gregory, the Officers of the s.s. *War Drum*, men of Gurdwara and Eileen Studios, Dr. Aspin, Mr. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Matuk, Captain and Mrs. W. Hooper Passmore, Mrs. H. Haines and family, the Engineers of the s.s. *War Drum*, Capt. and Mrs. Milne, Capt. and Mrs. McVinish, Mr. and Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Edwards, Chief Inspector Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Kilbee, Mr. A. J. W. Derling, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Anderson, the members of the Tudor Bookshop Staff, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. McKay, and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan.

After the toasts of "The King" and "The President of China" had been duly honoured Mr. Wong Boon Lang proposed "Our Guests". He referred to the important position which many of those present occupied and expressed the great honour which they had done to the University Engineering Society by joining in the annual social function. He hoped that all of their guests would continue to show an interest in the University and the Society, the members of which came from all parts of the Far East.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak heartily congratulated Mr. Wong Boon Lang upon his remarkable speech and added that if he could speak as eloquently in Chinese as Mr. Wong had spoken in English he could indeed be a proud man. He and all of the other guests were, he knew, very grateful to the Engineering Society for giving them the opportunity to meet thus socially and he hoped there would be many similar gatherings in the Great Hall of the University. (Applause). The Chinese and the British had much in common. He said that whatever might be true of other nations it was not a fact that the British "took no interest in the country in which they spent their lives. They, in actual practice, took a deep interest in things Chinese (applause).

The Hon. Mr. David Landale, in proposing the toast "The Hongkong University Society" said that no class of work in these days was more important than engineering and in no country was there such a great opportunity for Engineers as in China. There was work waiting to be done that could keep busy a vast number of Engineers. Dr. Sun Yat Sen had recently put forward a programme of thousands of miles of new railways, hundreds of thousands of miles of roads—"only for goodness sake make the roads wide enough to allow two motor-cars to pass and don't talk about a speed limit of eight miles an hour" remarked Mr. Landale with a smile. (Laughter). There were wonderful works of Engineering in China and Mr. Landale hoped that in the not distant future China would take up a position in the engineering world worthy of her wonderful past (applause). Mr. Landale then described some of the ancient engineering works of China. He considered that the Engineering students were very lucky to leave such enthusiastic Professors and lecturers, and he wished them all success in their work.

Professor A. G. Warren, in reply, spoke of the efforts being made to establish a University at Singapore and said that Hongkong University must develop considerably. Among the new buildings most urgently needed were a new Power Station, Steam and Hydraulic Laboratories and a separate building for a School of Electrical Engineering. The University Council had embarked upon a bold policy and had decided to greatly enlarge the staff and he had no doubt that when the Chinese friends of the students thought over the matter would make it possible to enlarge the premises and equipment.

A musical programme, arranged by Professor Brown, followed in which Lieut. Stevens, Messrs. Keigwin, Ashby, Clough, To and a trio of the Manchester regiment took part. During this part of the programme Mr. Luke Yau Yeow proposed the health of the Past-President Prof. Middleton Smith, explaining that he was going on leave for a well earned holiday.

Those present joined in "For he's a jolly good fellow" and Prof. Middleton Smith suitably replied, acknowledging his gratitude to his past and present students. A very enjoyable evening was concluded with a vote of thanks to the artistes moved by Prof. Jordan.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN
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DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unnatural movements of the bowels are noticed Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For this by All Chemists and Storeskeepers.

RETURN OF POPULAR
OFFICER.

The *China Mail* learns that Lieutenant R. M. Crosse, R.A. is returning to Hongkong, on appointment to the Staff of the command.

A *China Mail* man discussing this with a well-known resident was informed that it was always expected Colonel Crosse would come back at the conclusion of the war. On being asked why our informant said: "Well you see it's a case of the call of the East. When Colonel Crosse was here as a Subaltern he was infatuated with things Chinese. He is a fine Chinese scholar, is always studying the habits of the Chinese, and can do the part of a Chinaman to perfection. During the revolution Crosse did some splendid work." Our man enquired about the reputed ability of Colonel Crosse to produce plays, and our informant continued. "Yes, he has written a number of plays. They are chiefly oriental in subject. Those best remembered are 'The Idol's Eye' which was produced before crowded houses in the Theatre Royal. Captain Lamart of the Defence Corps, and Captain Kenneth Watson of the Army Service Corps, had prominent parts in that play. Another one of his, full of humorous situations and patter was 'The Cook'. That went down splendidly and filled the Mount Austin Theatre. This was a little while before he went on leave and then war broke out and we did not see him again. He was put on a job in the War Office and there they have kept him. But we all knew he would come back if he got the slightest chance."

Our representative asked: "Have you any idea if Colonel Crosse will take up amateur theatricals again? You know it is pretty slow in the Colony if nobody does that sort of thing and it is rumoured Mr. Sinclair is retiring from local theatricals."

"Well" said our informant, "personally I don't think he will be able to help doing it. Colonel Crosse is a man of unbounded energy, and if he sees the need of a theatrical stunt he will fit it up; if there is local talent available, and there is that as you know. Anyhow, there are many who will be delighted to see him back. Good-bye."

This is good news for Hongkong. Colonel Crosse is an officer of long service in the R.G.A. He was on the Staff here from 1919 till he left in 1914. He was appointed to a General Staff chair at the War Office at the outbreak of war, starting as a 3rd grade G.S.O., and receiving promotion to 2nd and then to 1st grade. He was mentioned in despatches several times for his valuable services, and in the New Year was promoted to Lieutenant as a war reward.

THE HONGKONG THEATRE.

The Hongkong Theatre has just ended a capital programme. Last night "The Quest of Life" was shown for the last time. It is a 5-part Paramount picture and was responsible for an enjoyable evening for the many patrons who attended. There were also two comedies, "The Funny Side of Jealousy" and "He Meant Well", and a Gazette number. The whole made a splendid programme.

To-night will be shown the final episode of "The Lass of the Lumberjacks", a Keystone comic and a gazette. Cinema goers will be well advised not to miss this and the next few programmes at the Hongkong.

GYMKHANA TO BE HELD
THIS AFTERNOON.

Despite the many rumours to the contrary, and the goodness of "Old King Sol" in having designed to shine, the Gymkhana will be held this afternoon at the Race Course at 3.15. A good afternoon's racing is looked forward to and there are many people counting up their money to see how much they have to lose, whilst many others are speculating how they are going to spend those large sums which they expect to win.

HONGKONG POLICE
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LAND PRACTICES FOR APRIL 1919.

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Mr. Leo Longnotti is to act as Deputy Registrar and Accountant for the Supreme Court, in addition to his other duties.

Mr. R. A. C. North is to act as Assistant D.O. in the southern district of the New Territories: also as a magistrate. He will hold a Small Debts Court at the Police Station at five places there.

Dr. C. P. Chater is re-appointed vice-chairman of the Licensing Board. On the same Board Mr. McMeister is to take Mr. A. M. Thompson's place as member.

Average amount of bank notes in circulation during March were: Chartered Bank, \$8,113,655; Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, \$22,923,034; and Mercantile Bank, \$1,175,703. Reserves as usual.

Of eight samples of whisky tested, and 16 of milk, none was found adulterated. Evidently the Government Analyst didn't get a whisky sample from the "t'is". (No prize for missing name).

The Kowloon Rock Bay has gone adrift.

Mariners going near Klabat Bay are warned of a sunken reef on the North Coast Banka Entrance, lat. 31 deg. 23' m. 50" long. E 103 deg. 35' 50".

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MARKET REPORT.

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Metal.—The market continued

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Mr. C. W. Falk, chief officer, "Tungshing", is on reserve.

Mr. P. Jowett, chief officer, "Fusang", has gone acting master, "Tungshing".

Mr. S. J. Barden, second officer, "Tungshing", has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. E. Tupell, chief officer, "Yuenlong", is on reserve.

Mr. W. Lubkin, supernumerary, "Tungshing", has gone chief officer, "Yuenlong".

Mr. J. W. Duncan, chief officer, "Kutro", has resigned.

Mr. T. A. Lee, from leave, has gone acting chief officer, "Kutro".

Mr. K. D. Noble, from leave, has gone second officer, "Tuckro".

Mr. H. M. Sonnen has been appointed second officer, "Yushun".

Mr. J. Hay has been appointed second officer, "Tengyao".

Mr. A. Nielsen, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Hinchang".

Mr. J. D. Richards, third engineer, "Hinchang", has gone second engineer, same ship.

Mr. S. Arneven has been appointed third engineer, "Hinchang".

Captain G. Hooper, of the Liang, is on leave.

Captain P. H. Cowan, from leave, has gone master, "Liuchow".

Mr. R. G. Butcher, chief officer, "Kuklung", has gone chief officer, "Hain Peking".

Mr. J. M. Clare, chief officer, "Hain Peking", is on leave.

Mr. G. H. B. Jones, chief engineer, "Tamsui", is on reserve.

Mr. R. H. Brown, chief engineer, "Kwangse", has gone chief engineer, "Tamsui".

Mr. S. D. Dickson, third engineer, "Ngankin", has gone third engineer, "Tuan".

Mr. D. Gray, third engineer, "Tuan", is on leave.

Mr. D. M. Slew, has been appointed third engineer, "Tienchin".

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HAVAS NEWS.

RESTORATION OF TRADE.

WITH ENEMIES AND OTHERS.

London, April 2.

When trade falters fall the Allies will authorise restoration of freedom of trade with Poland, Estonia, Germany, Austria, Turkey, Bulgaria, Serbia, Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

FRENCH CLAIMS ON GERMANY.

London, April 2.

There is no indication that the Big Four reached a decision on questions of reparation regarding the Saree Basin, although a statement was made in official circles that agreement is expected shortly.

An agreement was reached on one point. Germany shall not be allowed to maintain garrisons and fortifications near factories on the left bank of the Rhine, bank territory and 50 kilometres from the right bank.

It is believed France will be given the right to "exploit the Wheel and Saree countries as part payment for the devastations in northern departments. It is possible also that the Saree mining industrial region may be separated from Germany with autonomy regime.

The topic of discussion in French circles is the treatment of French claims. The decisions of the Big Four are not likely to meet with expectation especially as concerning the Saree coal basin. A compromise linking two different frontiers, giving France property of mines, while territories would remain German, is not viewed with satisfaction among the French.

OTHER ITEMS.

Concerning the Rhine military frontier French experts uphold the proposal to give self government to the Rhine territories under control of the League of Nations.

Regarding the League of Nations the French want it established on lines that adherents would bind themselves to keep up substantial military force.

A contrary rumour is current in Paris that the French liner *La Lorraine* reached New York under neutral conditions.

The opinion in Paris is that the Bolshevik seizure of governmental authority in Hungary was a trick prepared between Kaczyński, Count Brockdorff, and Rintzau to secure the Allied Powers.

The luxury tax is re-established by the Senate. A tax of 5 per cent. on newspaper advertisements is not endorsed.

M. Clemenceau had a protracted interview with General Mangin who it is anticipated is to be given a high command in the Near East.

The King of Belgium arrived in Paris by air. The King's visit follows the appearance of M. Hyman at the head of the Belgian Delegation before the council of four on Monday. No more forceful advocate could Belgium find than the informal meetings of the King with Mr. Wilson, Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau.

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AMERICAN RADIograms.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

COUNCIL OF FOUR.

PARIS, April 4.

The Council of Four, comprising President Wilson, Mr. Lloyd George, M. Clemenceau, and Signor Orlando, resumed discussion of the questions set for decision on Wednesday, and considered the questions of reparation and the dislocation around the Rhine Valley.

It is understood that three more days will be occupied with these subjects.

The American financial experts attended the session on Wednesday.—*American Wireless.*

JAPAN WANTS NOTHING BUT "SIMPLE JUSTICE."

PARIS, April 4.

Baron Makino, Japanese Delegate, speaking to the Associated Press, which had requested him to outline the position of Japan, said that no association could be happy in a League of Nations in which sharp racial discrimination was maintained.

He said:—"We are not too proud to fight, but we are too proud to accept a place of admitted inferiority in dealing with one or more of the associated nations. We want nothing but simple justice."

Baron Makino said that Japan feels it is entitled to a frank and open admission by the Allies that the principles of equity and justice are fundamental items of the League of Nations.

He said that Japan sees difficulties in the way of permanent peace and the successful operation of the League of Nations unless the contracting parties are entertained with mutual respect.—*American Wireless.*

CROATIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

CLEVELAND, April 4.

The delegates to the first Croatian National Convention, representing 500,000 Croatians in the United States, are in meeting here, and are discussing their claim at the Peace Conference regarding the Serbian treaty with the Croatians in Europe.—*American Wireless.*

BLOCKADE RAISED.

PARIS, April 4.

It has been decided to raise the blockade of Poland, Estonia, Germany, Austria, Turkey, Bulgaria, Czechoslovak territories, Roumania and Serbia.

Respecting Roumania prohibition is being maintained against a few articles, chiefly of a military nature.

An International Commission, sitting at Vienna, will exercise supervision covering transportation to Germany.—*American Wireless.*

CHICAGO ELECTION.

Chicago, April 4.

The complete returns of the municipal election show that Mr. William Hale Thomson, Republican, has been re-elected for a term of four years by nearly 17,500 votes over Mr. Robert O. Switzer, Democrat, and the city has voted against prohibition by a majority of 257,223.—*American Wireless.*

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CHINA'S PEACE DELEGATION.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.

Wong Ching, a noted leader of the revolutionaries in the Republic of China, arrived on the *Shinyo Maru* en route to the Paris Peace Conference. He will be attached to China's Delegation.

Wong Ching was welcomed by thousands of Chinese in San Francisco by a parade of automobiles decorated with the flags of China and the United States, and led by an American band.—*American Wireless.*

CORNER IN WHEAT.

CHICAGO, April 4.

There has been an extraordinary advance in the Chicago wheat market. In some places there was an advance of 60 cents per bushel, which still shows signs of further advance for September delivery to \$1.38 against \$0.32 at the finish on Monday.—*American Wireless.*

MILWAUKEE SOCIALISTS DEFEATED.

MILWAUKEE, April 4.

The Socialists of Milwaukee county were badly defeated in a judicial contest by majorities ranging from 3,402 to 10,000.—*American Wireless.*

THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TAKING PART IN SISTER'S "CRUCIFIXION" ARE REMINDED THAT AN EXTRA REHEARSAL WILL BE HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL ON MONDAY, THE 7TH INST., AT 6 P.M., WHEN A FULL ATTENDANCE IS DESIRED.

THE FAR EAST LOSES A FRIEND.

PLAY FOR THE ALL ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP WILL START ON WIMBLEDON COURTS JUNE 23.

The *Pacific Mail* magazine says of the late Major Willard Straight that few Americans were better known in the Far East, and few had worked more constantly for the development of American trade and interests in this part of the world.

Mr. Straight was the son of a college president and a mother who was a teacher in the Far East. He was only 39 years of age, and his accomplishment in both business and official life have served as an inspiration to his fellow men. He was a graduate of Cornell University in 1891 and while at school came under the influence and inspiration of Professor Henry Morse Stephens, then occupying the chair of Modern and European History, but who was closely in touch with Asiatic affairs.

In 1902 Willard Straight was appointed to a position in the Chinese Maritime Customs service. He learned the Chinese language and served under Sir Robert Hart until 1904 when he resigned to become a correspondent in Korea, Japan, and Manchuria during the Russo-Japanese War. At the close of the war he was appointed an American Vice-Consul, and from 1906 to 1908 he served as American Consul at Mukden, after which time he was promoted to Chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs of the Department of State at Washington. It was through his influence that American bankers became interested in the original Banking Consortium for financing China, and in 1909 he came to China as the representative of the American Banking Group. In 1913, the American Government changed its policy regarding loans to China, Mr. Straight assisted in organizing the American National Foreign Trade Council for the purpose of encouraging the development of a sound foreign trade policy on the part of the American Government.

He said that Japan would be glad to join the League of Nations to maintain peace and order. Japan, he said, does not wish to heap her labourers as immigrants on any associated country, and recognised that this question was one for each nation to deal with.

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PAPER AND PROTECTION.

PARIS, April 4.

Paper furnishes the most striking though by no means the only example of the misuse of war emergency powers which is now going on. It granted import licences, newspaper proprietors could get paper from Canada and the United States at about 13d. per lb. below the price they are compelled to pay the British mills—a little difference which probably amounts in the aggregate to over £200,000 a month. Import licences are, however, severely restricted because the Paper Controller erroneously deems it to be his duty to protect the home manufacturers from foreign competition. His action has incidentally produced an amusing exhibition of the difficulty in which protectionists constantly find themselves when they pass from theory to practice. The *Daily Express* is a strong advocate of tariff reform, but this paper shoe happens to pinch its own business, and so it joins with the free traders in demanding the removal of the embargo on imports. In defence of course he has taken the Paper Controller's side that it is necessary to ensure work for demobilised men now returning to the paper mills. He seems to have overlooked other considerations. There is first the question whether the work would not still be provided even if the mill-owners were forced by competition to forgo some of the enormous excess profits they have been allowed to make at the cost of consumers of paper. Secondly, there is the rather important fact that an infinitely larger number of men are employed in the printing, binding, and distributing of books, magazines, and newspapers than in the manufacture of paper. By handicapping the production of books and periodicals the restrictions imposed for the benefit of the paper-makers will therefore cause a scarcity of employment for printers, binders, and others who are also coming out of the Army. That is how protection almost invariably operates. Not Peter alone, but possibly half-a-dozen other apostles are robbed to pay Paul. If the fiscal policy of the country is to be changed, it should be changed openly and after full discussion by Parliament within the limits which were laid down in the election programme of the Government. For any Controller to introduce protection partially and indirectly under powers with which he was invested for quite different purposes is an abuse of authority which ought not to be tolerated.—*Truth.*

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

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Morning Service, 11 a.m.

Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.

Friday, Ladies' Bible study, 8.30 p.m.

Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, MacDonnell Road.

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wan Chai.

Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.

Evening Service, 6.15 p.m.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

Mass and Sacrament at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Gloucester.

11 a.m. at 6.7 and 7.30 a.m.

High Mass at 8 a.m.

6.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

The Committee's Tenth Annual Report of the Tennis League says:

There were two Divisions of the League as during the previous season. The following Clubs constituted Division I.—Hongkong Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club (A), Club de Recreio (A), Kowloon Cricket Club (A), United Services Recreation Club (B), Kowloon Cricket Club (B), Club de Recreio (B), University (A) and Chinese Recreation Club (B).

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TENNIS AT HOME.

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NOTICES.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the registered office of the Society, Queen's Building, Canton, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of April, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, when the subjoined resolutions will be considered:

- That the nominal silver capital of the Society as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £20,000,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each.
- That each of the issued silver shares of the Society of the nominal value of £35 each with the sum of £100 paid up thereon be converted into five shares of the nominal value of £10 each with the sterling equivalent of £35 Hongkong currency at the opening rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up dividends and accordingly that 50,000 shares out of the 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Society so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
- That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:—

By the insertion after Article No. 107 of the following Article.
"107. (a). The Board may employ the funds of the Society which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 107 in any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds in such portion as is proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied for any other purpose or not) in or for all, or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in paying special contingencies, equitably divided, in paying special dividends, in repairing, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Society, or otherwise in the business of the Society, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interest of the Society and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets."

By the insertion after Article No. 108.

"108. (a). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting fixes but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 19, 20 and 21 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Society and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend.

(b) After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may declare on behalf of the Society for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorising any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Society providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

(c) It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this Article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Articles 107 (a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus and to make such call shall have been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

(d) Dividends may be paid in Hongkong Currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting declaring or sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine."

Should the above resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the Twenty-eighth day of March, 1919.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager."

BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 10th day of April, 1919, at 5 o'clock p.m., when the subjoined resolutions will be proposed as extraordinary resolutions:

1. That the nominal silver capital of the Company as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £1,000,000 Sterling divided into 20,000 shares of the nominal value of £5 each.

2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Company of the nominal value of £3.33 each with the sum of £5 paid up thereon be converted into three shares and two-fifths of one share of the nominal value of £5 each with the sterling equivalent of £7.33 Hongkong currency at the opening rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that £1,600 shares out of the 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £5 each constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.

3. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:—

By the insertion after Article No. 106 of the following Article.

"106. (a). The Board may employ the funds of the Company which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 106 in any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied for any other purpose or not) in or for all, or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equitably dividing, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repairing, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Company, or otherwise in the business of the Company, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets."

By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 107.

"107. (a). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such amount as the meeting fixes but so that the call on each member shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 18, 19 and 20 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Company and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend.

(b) After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Company for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorising any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Company providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

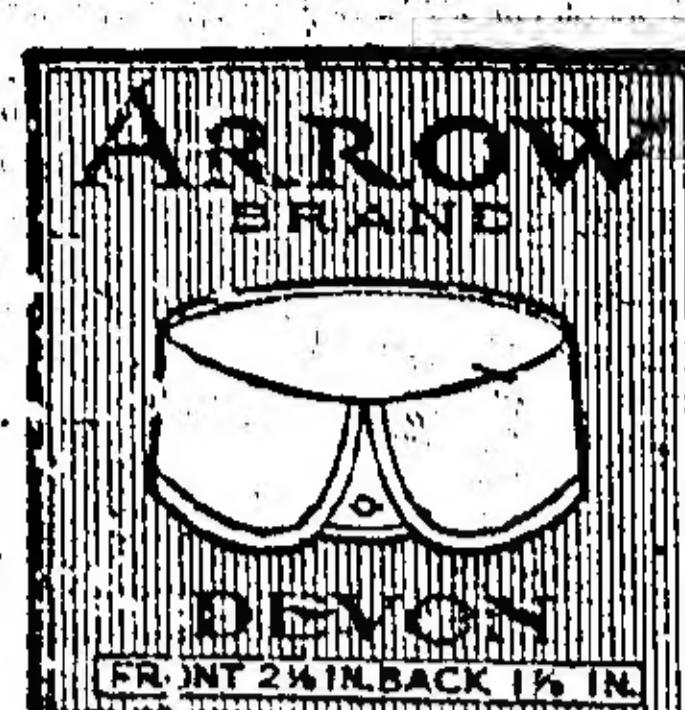
(c) It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this Article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Articles 106 (a) was confirmed as a special resolution provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus and to make such call shall have been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

(d) Dividends may be paid in Hongkong Currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting declaring or sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine."

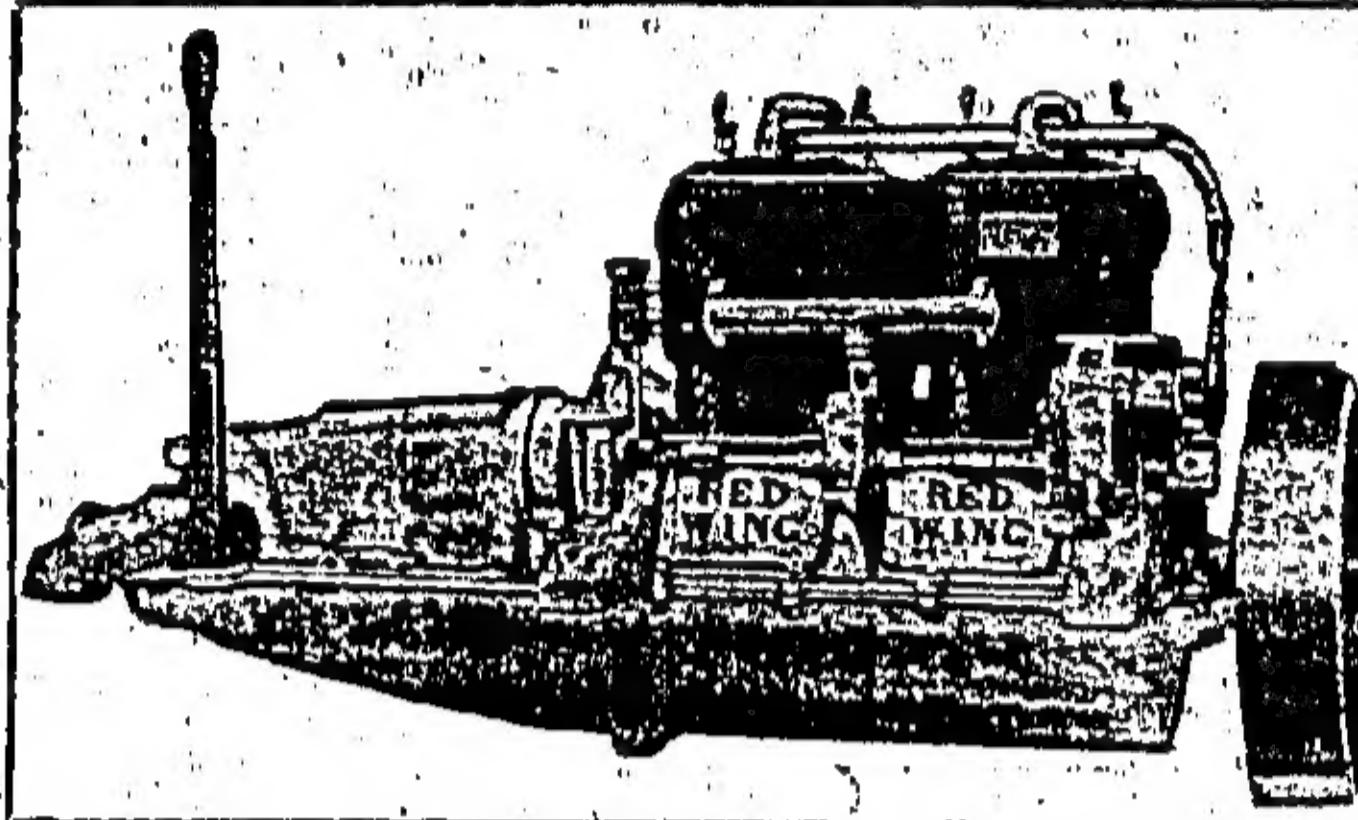
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INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, April 8.
Straits—Per CHEONGSHING.

OUTWARD MAILS.

SUNDAY, April 6.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-BONG, 9 a.m.
Amoy and Straits—Per HAI-YANG, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fornos via Keelung—
—Per KALJO MARU, 9 a.m.
Tientsin—Per KUEI-SHOW, 9 a.m.
Salson—Per PEUMEREN, 9 a.m.
Hokow and Pakhoi—Per TAISZE MA, 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard—Per WA SUN, 9 a.m.
Japan via Kobe—Per STAVROPOL, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, April 7.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per LIANG-CHOW, 11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok and India via Calcutta—
—Per KUMHAN, 9 p.m.
Philippine Islands, Straits, Bangkok, Egypt and Europe via Suez—
—Per OBESTES, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 8.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe via Canada—Per MONTEAGLE, Registration 9:45 a.m. Letters 10:30 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per SHANSI, 11 a.m.
Shanghai, North China—Per SIN-KIANG, 11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanesh-kodi, Egypt and Europe via Suez—Per ELEPHOR, Registration 1:45 p.m. Letters 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, April 9.
Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe via Canada—Per PERSIA MARU, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9.
Straits, Bangkok, Egypt and Europe via Liverpool—Per AGAPENOR, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 10.
Swatow, Amoy and Fornos via Takao—
—Per SOSHU MARU, 8 a.m.
Wellswell, Chefoo and Tsinmen—Per HUI-CHOW, 11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per SUI-YANG, Noon.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe via Canada—Per ARABIA MARU, Registration 11:45 a.m. Letters 12:30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 13.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and Europe via Canada—Per MANILA MARU, Registration 11:45 a.m. Letters 12:30 p.m.
Shanghai, North China—Per YING-HOW, 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, April 15.
Shanghai, North China—Per TEAN, 11 a.m.

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